

REMARKS

This is in response to the non-final Official Action currently outstanding with regard to the present application.

Claims 1-11 were pending in this application at the time of the issuance of the currently outstanding Official Action. By the foregoing amendment, Claim 1 has been canceled, without prejudice. Further, Claim 2 has been amended. No new claims have been added. Accordingly, upon the entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 2-11 will constitute the Claims under active prosecution in this application.

The claims of this application as they will stand upon the entry of the present Amendment along with appropriate status identifiers for each are set forth above as required by the Rules.

More particularly, in the currently outstanding Official Action the Examiner has:

1. Acknowledged Applicants' claim for foreign priority under 35 USC 119 (a)-(d) or (f),
but failed to confirm the receipt of the required copies of the priority documents by the United States Patent and Trademark Office – **confirmation of the receipt of the required copies of the priority documents for this application by the United States Patent and Trademark Office is respectfully requested in response to this communication;**
2. Accepted the drawings as filed on 24 May 2001;
3. Acknowledged his consideration of the Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application by providing the Applicants with a copy of the Form PTO-1449 that accompanied that Statement duly signed, dated and initialed to confirm the consideration of the art listed therein;
4. Provided Applicants with a Notice of References Cited (Form PTO-892);

5. Objected to the Title of the Invention on the grounds that is not sufficiently indicative of the invention claimed, and suggested a possible new Title of the Invention that would be deemed to be acceptable;
6. Indicated that Claim 11 is allowed; and
7. Rejected Claim 1 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by the Haneda, et al reference (US Patent 4,959,669)
8. Indicated that Claims 2-11 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims.

No further comment is deemed to be required in these Remarks concerning items 1-4 and 6 above.

With respect to item 5, Applicants by the foregoing Amendment have deleted the Title of the Invention as originally filed and substituted the following new Title of the Invention therefor:

-- AN IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR
THE FAST AND ACCURATE CALIBRATION OF THE SAME
USING ACTUAL AND PSEUDO REFERENCE IMAGE DATA --

Applicants respectfully note that the new Title of the Invention herein proposed is different from the Title of the Invention that the Examiner indicated in the currently outstanding Official Action would be satisfactory. In this regard, Applicants respectfully submit that the Title of the Invention herein proposed is appropriately indicative of the invention presently being claimed *including the fact that claims directed to both an apparatus and a method are present in this application.*

Since the presently proposed Title of the Invention substantially follows the model suggested by the Examiner with the exception of the addition of the fact that an apparatus as well as a method is being claimed, Applicants respectfully submit that the new Title of the Invention proposed herein should be acceptable to the Examiner. A decision so holding in response to this communication is respectfully requested.

With regard to items 7 and 8, in the interest of advancing this prosecution, Applicants have elected to cancel Claim 1, without prejudice. Also, Applicants have elected to amend Claim 2 so as to incorporate all of the limitations of its base claim, i.e., canceled Claim 1. Accordingly, since Claim 2 now has been rewritten including all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims, Applicants respectfully submit that Claim 2 as hereinabove amended is in condition for allowance. Further, since Claims 3-10 are all either directly or indirectly dependent upon Claim 2, Applicants respectfully submit that the foregoing amendment of Claim 2 has the same effect as rewriting each of Claims 2-10 in independent form including all of the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims as the Examiner has indicated in the currently outstanding Official Action would render Claims 2-10 allowable.

A decision allowing Claims 2-11 as hereinabove amended in response to this communication, therefore, is respectfully requested.

Applicants also believe that additional fees beyond those submitted herewith are not required in connection with the consideration of this response to the currently outstanding Official Action. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. 04-1105, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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